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Last night (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces once more invaded the city of Qalqiliya, killing two Palestinians, injuring many others and causing extensive destruction to a great deal of Palestinian property. The occupying forces rounded up the male population of the city and detained at least 600 of them, handcuffed and blindfolded. The same practice, with similar numbers, took place in the refugee camps of Deheisheh near Bethlehem and in the village of Artas. A few days ago, after invading the city of Tulkarem and the adjacent refugee camps, Israeli occupying forces rounded up more than 1,200 Palestinians, many of whom were detained.

The above is in line with the absolutely mad policy of Mr. Ariel Sharon and his Government, aimed at "battering Palestinians" and using force "without let-up", which has included attacks against and invasion of many refugee camps. These attacks have also included the destruction of the headquarters of President Yasser Arafat in Gaza City, the assassination of two Palestinians in Occupied East Jerusalem, and even attacks against ambulances and medical personnel.

In follow-up to our previous 106 letters to you regarding this escalating crisis and grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 8 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239;

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A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/190; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248 and A/ES-10/156-S/2002/249), it is with profound regret that I inform you that since my last letter to you 15 Palestinians were killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,068 martyrs, including men, women and children.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 11 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Saturday, 9 March through Monday, 11 March 2002)

Saturday, 9 March 2002

1. Hanan Mohammed Al-Rayhi
2. Ahmed Abu Ghanem
3. Mutaz Abdel Fatah Al-Jaroushi
4. Rana Ziad Al-Jayousi
5. Jad Mahmoud Salen Attallah
6. Nida'a Suliman Al-Azza (15 years old)
7. Fares Ezat Shabat
8. Wesam Suliman Shabat

Sunday, 10 March 2002

1. Samer Rateb Ewais
2. Hamed Eizat Suliman Omran
3. Mahmoud Tayseer Ahmed Ghanem (13 years old)

Monday, 11 March 2002

1. Yousef Khaled Al-Aqra
2. Atef Ahmed Al-Bayari
3. Yehia Hamdan Abo Saed
4. Ayman Saleh Mhan (18 years old)

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,068.